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a flexure section formed with two spaced narrow legs defining a cutout portion therebetween, said legs extending from said end of said load beam section, and a lateral ear spaced from said load beam section ~~for~~ connecting said legs;

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a tongue ~~attached to and~~ extending from said end of said load beam section, said tongue being disposed between said legs of said flexure section, said tongue having a free end within said flexure section, said tongue being formed with a load dimple;

P1 said air bearing slider being bonded to said lateral ear and in contact with said load dimple;

P1 whereby load transfer is effectively separated from the gimbaling action of said slider so that pitch and roll stiffness is effectively reduced.

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Claim 2, line 1, change "1" to --23--.

Claim 4, lines 2 and 3, delete "the outer edges of".

Claim 7, line 2, before "step" insert --platform and--; same line, change "a" (second occurrence) to --said--.

Claim 11, line 1, change "1" to --23--; line 2, delete "split" and delete "and lateral part".

Claim 12, line 1, change "1" to --23--.

Claim 13, line 1, change "1" to --23--.

Claim 17, line 1, change "1" to --13--.

Claim 20, line 1, change "1" to --23--; same line change "a" to --at least one--; line 2, delete "at least one of".

Claim 22, line 2, change "enabling contact of" to --contacting--.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been cancelled and Claim 23 has been substituted therefor. Claim 23 defines the invention more closely and is deemed to distinguish clearly over the known prior art. The dependent claims have been amended to overcome the rejection for indefiniteness or lack of antecedent basis. With respect to Claim 4, which recites the elements of outriggers or a split tongue as part of the supporting means of Claim 3, this limitation is set forth in the specification at page 9, line 7 et seq. The objection to the use of "outriggers or a split tongue" is not understood. As amended, the claims are believed to be